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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ushio IWAMOTO et al.

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Examiner Sun U. Kim

FILTER DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
PROCESSING BLOOD

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 3, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as on the
accompanying separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 as
follows:

--The inventors earnestly studied for a cause of the
above-mentioned rise of the pressure loss in a filter. As a
result, the following were revealed. In a conventional filter,
large amounts of an object to be removed are trapped in the
narrow channels in the filter impairing a smooth blood flow and
increasing pressure. However, the rise of the pressure loss in a